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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 7,
2001. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3, 8, 19 and 22.

Please amend claims 2, 4-7, 9-13, 15, 16, 18 and 21 as

follows:

2. (Twice Amended) A glide head comprising:

a glide body including a leading edge, a trailing edge and a
raised bearing portion including an elevated bearing
surface generally transverse to the leading edge; and
at least one thermal transducer that is formed on the
elevated bearing surface to form a glide interface to
detect asperities.

4. (Amended) The glide head of claim 2 wherein the raised bearing

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